

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4527-01
Bill No.: HB 1966
Subject: Elections; County Government; County Officials
Type: Original
Date: February 8, 2010

Bill Summary: Allows voters to cast advance ballots.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Election	(Unknown greater than \$299,608)	\$0	(Unknown greater than \$119,816)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Unknown greater than \$299,608)	\$0	(Unknown greater than \$119,816)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☒ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this bill requires local election authorities to establish advance voting centers. Based on state senatorial districts, the bill would require 17 voting centers for advance voting. The fiscal note assumes that each advance voting centers would be staffed by four election judges paid \$9 per hour for the 84 hours that they will be open for advance voting - a total of \$51,408 per election. Election authorities could also incur ongoing costs for maintenance of the voting centers, including rent, utilities, and broadband internet service, in the approximate amount of \$500 per voting center for one month or a total of \$8,500 per election.

Local election authorities would incur one-time costs for the purchase of equipment necessary for advance voting at the voting centers, including accessible voting machines for disabled voters, laptop computers and printers:

- 1 accessible voting machine per satellite site= \$5,000
- 2 Laptop computers per satellite site = \$1,600
- 1 printer per satellite site = \$7,500
- \$14,100 per voting center multiplied by 17 voting centers = \$239,700 initial start up costs.

SOS assumes that once adopted, this bill would increase costs to the state as follows:

FY 2011 - General Election

FY 2012- None

FY 2013- August Primary and General election

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials at the **Office of the State Public Defender** and the **Budget and Planning** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume the following costs based on using the November 2, 2010 General Election as an example:

Election Judges- 82 hrs x 6 people x \$8/hr	\$3,936
FICA	\$ 286
Envelopes for voted ballots	\$ 250
Staff Overtime	\$2,500
FICA	\$ 191
Additional Absentee Teams to process the advance ballots 3 x 6 people x \$100/each	\$1,800

Total for 2011 - \$ 8,964

Total for 2012 - \$ 8,964

Total for 2013 - \$8,964

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume the impact on operations to be \$30,000 to \$50,000 per election.

No other Board of Election Commission or Local Election Authority responded to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Transfer Out</u> - Secretary of State cost of election reimbursed by state to the local election authorities for advance voting	<u>(Unknown greater than \$299,608)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown greater than \$119,816)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(Unknown greater than \$299,608)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown greater than \$119,816)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES FUND			
<u>Transfer In</u> - Local Election Authorities reimbursement of election expenses	Unknown greater than \$299,608	\$0	Unknown greater than \$119,816
<u>Transfer Out</u> - Local Election Authorities election expenses paid	<u>(Unknown greater than \$299,608)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown greater than \$119,816)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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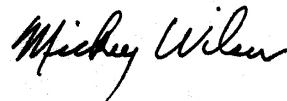
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows voters to cast advance ballots.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Budget and Planning
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of the State Public Defender
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Kansas City Board of Election Commission



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